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A system and method for manipulation of offline software. A software driver executing on a computer accesses and modifies target software while the target software is in an offline state. The software driver allows installation and configuration of an operating system and/or associated application programs to the target software when an operating system associated with the target software is not executing.

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